

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising an alignment device for aligning at least one apparatus with respect to a surface of a tissue, the alignment device comprising a tissue interface member suitable for positioning on the surface of the tissue and mating with the apparatus to maintain alignment of the apparatus during an operation of the apparatus, the alignment device further comprising a removable energy absorbing layer attached to the tissue interface member, wherein the energy absorbing layer is responsive to energy directed thereon to heat up and to conductively transfer heat to the surface of the tissue to ablate the tissue to cause tissue ablation, and wherein the apparatus is an energy emitter apparatus including at least one energy source for emitting energy, wherein the energy emitter apparatus includes at least one alignment member that mates with the tissue interface member to achieve alignment with the tissue, so that, when the heat is transferred to the tissue, the layer may be removed to expose the ablated tissue.

Claim 2. is cancelled.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the energy absorbing layer further comprises a first and a second side, wherein the second side comprises adhesive material disposed thereon for adhering to the surface of the tissue.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the alignment device has an inner periphery, wherein the energy absorbing layer includes a separation line adjacent the periphery, and wherein the energy absorbing layer is removable from the tissue interface member after tissue ablation.